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Examiner : Deborah Yee  
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Applicants : A. USAMI et al.  
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Filed : December 17, 2004  
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SAME, CRUDE OIL TANK AND CORROSION PREVENTION  
METHOD THEREFOR

**REMARKS**

SIR:

This Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed March 4, 2008.

Please enter the unentered amended claims of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed February 19, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated February 12, 2008) and consider the amended claims on the merits. The arguments for patentability of the amended claims set forth in the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed February 19, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed February 19, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated February 12, 2008) is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.


A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2007 accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

**CONCLUSION**

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

S I R:

Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2007.

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